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Security Council

10:00 — 7554th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation with respect to piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia (S/2015/776)

Morning[1] — 7555th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 5 November 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/841)

15:00 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

1718 Committee

Middle East (Syria) (S/2015/820)

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 7554th meeting

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General Assembly

Seventieth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10:00 to 13:00 — 22nd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/70/13, A/70/13/Add.1, A/70/379, A/70/308, A/70/340 and A/70/319) [item 54]

   Conclusion of the general debate

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [item 53]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/70/L.9/Rev.1, A/C.4/70/L.13 and A/C.4/70/L.13/Corr.1

3. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (A/70/95 and A/70/357) [item 56]

   Conclusion of the general debate

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers of the remaining items of the agenda of the Committee are kindly requested to send an e-mail to 4thcommittee *a* un.org. Delegations are encouraged to observe the time limits of *10 minutes* for statements by individual Member States and *15 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

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Third Committee

15:00 to 18:00 45th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70 (a)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.59

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [item 71]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.60

3. Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [item 72 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.53

4. Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [item 72 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.47

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on the remaining items of the Third Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail slthirdcommittee@un.org). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail lpthirdcommittee@un.org; Room S-1286)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the work of the Third Committee, including the provisional programme of work for the seventieth session as well as deadlines for inscription in the speakers lists and submission of draft proposals, is available by *clicking here*. All delegations that have not yet done so are kindly requested to transmit to the secretariat of the Third Committee, the completed form listing the duly accredited diplomats of their mission wishing to use the eSponsorship platform and QuickPlace. The form should be e-mailed to thirdcommittee@un.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords for Third Committee QuickPlace and the eSponsorship platform, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail thirdcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882). Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on draft proposals should be sent to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org). Delegations are reminded that dissemination of their statements via PaperSmart is available. Delegations wishing to circulate statements electronically should e-mail the statement(s) at least one hour in advance of expected delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The agenda item under which the statement is to be delivered, as well as the date of the meeting should be clearly indicated on the first page of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.]

Fifth Committee

10:00 14th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system (A/70/30, A/C.5/70/3 and A/70/7/Add.4) [item 141]

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

   Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/70/325, A/C.5/70/2 and A/70/7/Add.6)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Utilization of the contingency fund (A/70/395 and A/70/7/Add.7)

   Introduction and general discussion

Limited budgetary discretion (A/70/396 and A/70/7/Add.5)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1] to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Utilization of the contingency fund (A/70/395 and A/70/7/Add.7))

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017:

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/70/325, A/C.5/70/2 and A/70/7/Add.6)

Limited budgetary discretion (A/70/396 and A/70/7/Add.5))

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Fifth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, in writing, Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee*@*un.org). In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy of their statement to the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail fifthcommittee*@*un.org), prior to the start of the meeting. Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the provisional draft programme of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available by *clicking here*.]

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — 24th meeting [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session (A/70/10) [item 83]

Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly [item 170]

Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly [item 173]

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General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

10:00 to 13:00 — 373rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and developments in the political process
3. Consideration of draft resolutions on the question of Palestine
4. International Conference on the Question of Jerusalem, Jakarta, 14 and 15 December 2015 and United Nations Civil Society Forum on the Question of Palestine, 16 December 2015 (Working Paper No. 7)
5. Briefing on the Economic and Social Costs of the Israeli Occupation for the Palestinian People

   Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)) and Mr. Atif Kubursi (McMaster University, Ontario)
6. Other matters

15:00 to 18:00 — Conference Room 4

Briefing

Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)) and Mr. Atif Kubursi (McMaster University, Ontario), will brief the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement Group

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

Executive meeting

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Thirty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 10 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Tuesday, 10 November 2015

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency" (under agenda item 87) (convened by the delegation of Brazil)

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace" (under agenda item 16) (convened by the delegation of Bangladesh)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room A.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.15, entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)" (under agenda item 20 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Thailand)

From 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.10, entitled "Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

From 13:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.17, entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (under agenda item 20 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Bahamas)

From 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room A.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.20, entitled "United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)" (under agenda item 20 (h)) (convened by the delegation of the Sudan)

From 14:30 to 16:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.13, entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (under agenda item 25 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Colombia)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.23, entitled "Information and Communications Technologies for Development" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Slovenia)

From 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.40, entitled "Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons, based on religion or belief" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

From 09:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room 1.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.29, entitled "The girl child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Botswana)

From 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.28, entitled "Rights of the Child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegations of the European Union and Uruguay (on behalf of GRULAC))

From 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.9, entitled "Promoting social integration through social inclusion" (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

From 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room 1.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.20, entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

From 12:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.26, entitled "Rights of indigenous peoples" under agenda item 69 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia)

From 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.51, entitled "Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

From 14:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.49, entitled "National Human Rights Institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

From 14:45 to 16:15, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.46, entitled "Recognizing the role of human rights defenders and the need for their protection" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.55, entitled "The human right to safe drinking water and sanitation" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Germany and Spain)

From 17:00 to 18:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.13, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

From 18:00 to 19:00, in Conference Room B.

Sixth Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission" (under agenda item 80) (convened by the delegation of Pakistan)

From 13:15 to 14:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" (under agenda item 167) (convened by the delegation of Cyprus)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction" (under agenda item 86) (convened by the delegation of Kenya)

From 17:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 10 November 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

10:00 to 12:00	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 17:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12

Other activities

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Launch of the report *Business and the United Nations – Working together towards the Sustainable Development Goals: A framework for action* (organized by the Sustainable Development Goals Fund of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in collaboration with the Harvard Kennedy School and Business Fights Poverty)

From 13:15 to 14:45, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNDP (Ms. Teresa Burelli (e-mail teresa.burelli@undp.org); or e-mail rebca.huetesalazar@undp.org); or *click here*.]

Event entitled "The Next Generation of Global Citizens" (on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the United Nations Academic Impact) (organized by the United Nations Academic Impact, Department of Public Information (DPI))

From 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Catherine White, United Nations Academic Impact, DPI (e-mail white8@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8305).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Tuesday, 10 November 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest:* Mr. John Ging, Director, Coordination and Response Division, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (on his recent trip to Mali and Senegal)]

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold plenary meetings, in the General Assembly Hall as follows:

On Thursday, 12 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider agenda item 111 (Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations) (document A/70/300), and agenda item 30 (Report of the Security Council) (document A/70/2).

On Friday, 13 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider, in a joint debate, agenda item 15 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields), agenda item 116 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), agenda item 122 (Strengthening of the United Nations system) and agenda item 123 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals), as well as the reports of the Fifth Committee on sub-item (a) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) (document (A/70/359)), sub-item (b) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions) (document (A/70/540)), sub-item (d) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors) (document (A/70/541)), agenda item 135 (Programme planning) (document (A/70/439)), and agenda item 137 (Pattern of conferences) (document (A/70/450)).

On Monday, 16 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider agenda item 67 (Report of the Human Rights Council) (document A/70/53 and A/70/53/Add.1 (to be issued)).

On Tuesday, 17 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider agenda item 87 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency) (document (A/70/219)).

Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

General Assembly
Seventieth session

Informal consultations on the outcome document of the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society will be held on Thursday, 19, and Friday, 20 November 2015; and Tuesday, 24 and Wednesday, 25 November 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 12. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 November 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information please *click here*.

General Assembly
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An informal meeting of the plenary to consider ways to advance a comprehensive response to the global humanitarian and refugee crisis, will be held on Thursday, 19 November 2015, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 November 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Seventieth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Wednesday, 18, to Tuesday, 24 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100.

The programme of the work and the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its seventieth session were issued on 7 October 2015 in document A/INF/70/3. Updates to the programme of work will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

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Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold a joint plenary meeting with the Economic and Social Council on the topic "Domestic resource mobilization: Where to go after Addis?" on Wednesday, 11 November 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2. The joint meeting will be co-chaired by His Excellency Andrej Logar (Slovenia), Chair of the Second Committee, and His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), President of the Economic and Social Council. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please visit the website of the Second Committee (*click here*) or contact Mr. Michael Lennard, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail lennard@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734).

The Second Committee programme of work and status of documentation, including background information and side events for the seventieth session of the General Assembly are available on the website of the Committee (*click here*).

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are available during the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through PaperSmart should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The name of the mission, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Please note that PDF format is preferred. Statements will be made available on the Second Committee PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Acting Secretary of the Second Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8429).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on Second Committee matters should be sent, *as soon as possible but no later than 17:00* of the day before the meeting, to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-5724).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 11 November 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Plenary meeting

The President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene a plenary meeting on Thursday, 12 November 2015, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to take action on draft decision E/2016/L.2 relating to the distribution of seats among the eight experts nominated by Member States to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and draft decision E/2016/L.4 on the dates and theme for the integration segment of the 2016 session of the Council.

The Council will also hold elections to fill a number of outstanding vacancies to its subsidiary bodies.

Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the Economic and Social Council Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org) and Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups. A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Briefing

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Argentina) will hold a briefing of the Council on the second phase of the dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The briefing will also be held on Thursday, 12 November 2015, immediately following the plenary meeting of the Council. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Kristinn Helgason (e-mail helgason@un.org); or Ms. Cassandra Price Taveras (e-mail pricec@un.org)).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8; and

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin" (under agenda item 10) (convened by the delegation of Greece)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace" (under agenda item 16) (convened by the delegation of Bangladesh)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.4, entitled "International Day of Women in Science" (under agenda item 22 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Malta)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.25, entitled "Commodities" (agenda item 18 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Bulgaria)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 1.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.6, entitled "Culture and sustainable development" (under agenda item 22 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, at the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1002).

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.24, entitled "Towards global partnerships: a principle-based approach to enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners" (under agenda item 27) (convened by the delegation of Luxembourg)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Climate change" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 12:00 to 14:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.8, entitled "Women in development" (under agenda item 24 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Rwanda)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 14:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.19, entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries" (under agenda item 23 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Turkey)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.13, entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (under agenda item 25 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Colombia)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Groups of countries in special situations: Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries" (under agenda item 23 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Paraguay)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.28, entitled "Rights of the Child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegations of the European Union and Uruguay (on behalf of GRULAC))

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 09:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.46, entitled "Recognizing the role of human rights defenders and the need for their protection" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.14, entitled "Persons with albinism" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegations of Malawi and the United Republic of Tanzania)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 10:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.29, entitled "The girl child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Botswana)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.11, entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Republic of Moldova)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 12:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.59, entitled "Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" (under agenda item 70 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.7, entitled "Violence against women migrant workers" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Indonesia and the Philippines)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 1.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.8, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.50, entitled "Towards a multilateral legal instrument to promote and protect the human rights and dignity of older persons" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.24, entitled "Improvement of the situation of women and girls in rural areas" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 17:00 to 18:30, in Conference Room C.

Sixth Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session" (under agenda item 83) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism" (under agenda item 108) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee and related matters)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 09:00 to 09:45, in Conference Room 8.

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8;

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A; and

Friday, 13 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A.

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming other activities

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Opening of the photo exhibit entitled "Poppies: Women and War" (in commemoration of the First World War (11 November)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Canada, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Murray Edward College)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, from 11:45 to 12:15, at the Delegates' Entrance Lobby.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Pauline Dowdall, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (e-mail pauline.dowdall@fco.gov.uk; tel. 1 (212) 745-9263).]

Special event on "The Battle for Zionism at the United Nations" (marking 40 years since the historic Herzog Speech) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel)

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, at 18:00, in Conference Room 4.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Michal Carmeli, Permanent Mission of Israel (e-mail unevents@newyork.mfa.gov.il; tel. 1 (212) 499-5570).]

Briefing on "The new global investment landscape – investment policies for the twenty-first century" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ena Sawh, UNCTAD (e-mail sawh@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

Informal meeting by the Co-Facilitators of the 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)

Friday, 13 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).]

Panel discussion on "Agricultural Technology Beyond 2015" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel)

Friday, 13 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Maayan Keren, Permanent Mission of Israel (e-mail undevelopment-adv@newyork.mfa.gov.il).]

Panel discussion on "Access to Legal Aid as a Measurement of Access to Justice under Sustainable Development Goal 16.3" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina and South Africa and The International Legal Foundation)

Friday, 13 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Victoria Buonomo, Permanent Mission of Argentina (e-mail victoriabuonomo@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 688-6300, ext. 201); to register, please contact bwalters@theilf.org.]

Announcements

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2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations and non-member States, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division (RCIL-Africa (e-mail rcil-africa@un.org); RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org)).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

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Summary of official meetings

Monday, 9 November 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7551st meeting — *The situation in Somalia*

Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2015/702)

Letter dated 7 October 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/762)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Somalia to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Ms. Susana Malcorra, Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary-General, Mr. Nicholas Kay, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia, and His Excellency Téte António, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2015/840, submitted by Angola, Chad, France, Jordan, Lithuania, Malaysia, New

Zealand, Nigeria, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2015/840) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2015/840) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstention, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2245 (2015).

After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Ms. Malcorra, Mr. Kay and by His Excellency António.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia.

The President, His Excellency Philip Hammond, made a statement in his capacity as Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Statements were made by His Excellency Anifah Aman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; Her Excellency Samantha Power, Permanent Representative of the United States and Member of President Obama's Cabinet; and His Excellency Ignacio Ybáñez, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Spain.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of New Zealand, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, France, Chile, Angola, Nigeria, Lithuania, the Russian Federation, Chad, Jordan and China.

7552nd meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2015/20).

7553rd meeting

The situation in Burundi

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Burundi and Uganda to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the following individuals to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure: Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs; Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Mr. Adama Dieng, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide; His Excellency Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland and Chair of the Burundi Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission; and His Excellency Téte António, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Feltman; Mr. Al Hussein (via video-teleconference from Geneva); Mr. Dieng (via video-teleconference from Jordan); His Excellency Jürg Lauber (via video-teleconference from Bujumbura); and His Excellency Téte António.

The Council heard statements by His Excellency Alain Aimé Nyamitwe, Minister for External Relations and International Cooperation of Burundi (via video-teleconference from Bujumbura) and by the representative of Uganda.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

[archived video]

50th plenary meeting

Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [item 113 (b)]

The General Assembly decided to proceed to the election on the basis of dispensing with the secret ballot.

Since the number of candidates of the five regional groups was equal to or less than the number of seats to be filled by each group, the General Assembly declared elected Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, the Czech Republic, India, Iran (the Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Mauritius, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, the United States of America and Venezuela (the Bolivarian Republic of) members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term beginning on 27 June 2016.

The General Assembly was informed that regarding the six remaining vacancies from the African States and the one remaining vacancy from the Asia-Pacific States, the Assembly would hold elections upon notification by interested Member States from the two regions.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 113.

Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/70/107) [item 114 (e)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of the General Assembly of Ghana and Liberia as members of the Committee on Conferences for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2016.

The General Assembly was reminded that one seat from the Asia-Pacific States, one seat from the Eastern European States, two seats from the Latin American and Caribbean States and one seat from the Western European and other States, for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 2016, remained vacant.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 114.

Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/70/106) [item 114 (f)]

The President communicated to the General Assembly the information received from the Chair of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States, that the group had endorsed Honduras to propose a candidate for the vacancy from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

The President announced that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit and resolution 61/238 of 22 December 2006, Honduras would be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The President announced that, after holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, he would propose the name of the candidate to the Assembly for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 114.

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council. By-election
[item 112 (b)]

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to a letter dated 7 October 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chair of the Group of Western European and other States, by which Austria announced that it would relinquish its seat on the Economic and Social Council for the remainder of its term, in favour of Ireland.

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Ireland (172 votes) was elected member of the Economic and Social Council for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2016 and ending on 31 December 2017.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 112.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

[archived video]

21st meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
[item 54]

The Chair made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) made a statement.

Questions were raised by the representatives of Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Indonesia, Algeria, Egypt, Israel and Cuba as well as the observer for the State of Palestine, to which the Commissioner-General responded.

The representative of Norway, in her capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), introduced the report of the Working Group (A/70/379).

General debate

The Committee began its general debate with a statement by the observer for the State of Palestine.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Arab Group), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; and the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine), Jordan, Lebanon, Norway, the Syrian Arab Republic and Switzerland.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement and reminded that the deadline to submit draft proposals on all remaining agenda items would be Wednesday, 11 November, at 15:00.

On the proposal of the Chair, the Committee agreed to resume its consideration of agenda items 57 and 63 on Thursday, 12 November, to take action on the respective draft proposals under these agenda items after concluding the general debate on agenda item 55.

Sixth Committee

[archived video]

23rd meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session [item 83]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 83.

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovenia, Slovakia, South Africa, Viet Nam, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Argentina.

The Chair of the International Law Commission made some remarks on behalf of the Special Rapporteurs of the topics in chapters VI, VII and VIII of the Report of the Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session (A/70/10).

The Chair of the International Law Commission at the sixty-seventh session made a statement introducing chapters IX to XI of the Report of the Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session (A/70/10).

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the European Union, also on behalf of its member States (the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, which aligned themselves with the statement) and Singapore.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-eighth session [item 81]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 81.

The representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.9 and announced that Australia, El Salvador, Israel, Madagascar, the Russian Federation, Romania, Switzerland, Slovenia and Thailand had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

General Assembly

2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

1st meeting

Opening of the Pledging Conference

The Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), called to order the 2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and made a statement.

Election of officers

His Excellency Fodé Seck (Senegal) was elected, by acclamation, as President of the 2015 Pledging Conference.

The President (Senegal) made a statement.

His Excellency Odo Tevi (Vanuatu) was elected, by acclamation, as Vice-President of the 2015 Pledging Conference.

Statements of pledges

Statements were made and pledges were announced by the representatives of Singapore, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Monaco, Kuwait, Turkey, the Russian Federation, Luxembourg, Estonia, the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Italy, Indonesia, Sweden, Myanmar, China, Namibia, Thailand, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, India, Andorra and Djibouti.

Adoption of the report

The Pledging Conference adopted its draft report, as contained in document A/CONF.208/2015/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

Closing statements were made by the Director of the Partnerships Group, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, United Nations Development Programme; the Director of Resource Mobilization, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; the Deputy Director of the Public Partnerships Division, United Nations Children's Fund; and the Chief of the Resource Mobilization Branch, Division for Communication and Strategic Partnerships, United Nations Population Fund.

The President (Senegal) declared the 2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities closed.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notifications under article 4 (3): Peru (9 November 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Sierra Leone

His Excellency Vandi Chidi Minah

Asia-Pacific States:
China
His Excellency Liu Jieyi

Eastern European States:
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
His Excellency Vasile Andonoski

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Suriname
His Excellency Henry Leonard Mac-Donald

Western European and other States:
Iceland
His Excellency Einar Gunnarsson

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